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For: COMBINATIONS OF CERAMIDE AND CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC

AGENTS FOR INDUCING CELL DEATH AND USES THEREOF

IN TREATING CANCER

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 4, 2008 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a December 4, 2008 Final Office Action issued by the U.S Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 4, 2008 Final Office Action was originally due March 4, 2009. Applicants submitted a reply to the December 4, 2008 Final Office Action on March 4, 2009. An Advisory Action was mailed April 13, 2009 in connection with the subject application indicating that the Amendment filed March 4, 2009 would not be entered. Applicants hereby petition for a Three-Month Extension Of Time. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the December 4, 2008 Final Office Action is due on June 4, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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